

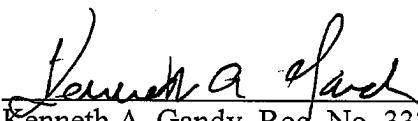
REMARKS

In response to the requirement for restriction, applicant hereby elects Group I identified in the Action, Claims 1-8 drawn to a microbubble composition, and claims 31-34, in part as they pertain to a pharmaceutical, therapeutic or diagnostic composition comprising the microbubble composition of claim 1, said microbubble composition comprising gas-filled microbubbles having crenated microbubble membranes. Further, Applicant elects "species b" of a microbubble filled with a specific gas such as fluorine-containing gas. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any questions regarding this election.

In addition; Applicant believes that the subject matters of Groups IV, VII, VIII and XI are capable of examination along with Group I without imposing a serious burden upon the Patent Office, and therefore traverses the restriction of Group I from these additional Groups.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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